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WANT LOTS
FRONTING ON
ESPLANADE

Bishop Estate Is Ready to Make Exchange.

GOVERNOR DOLE
IS NOTIFIED

His Consent Is Expected and the Transfer May Be Finished at Once.

Proposals have been made by the trustees of the Bishop estate to the government for the exchange of lands for the plot at the corner of Bishop and King streets, which is wanted for the postoffice site, and if Governor Dole agrees to the plan which has been suggested, the deeds for the land will pass at once. Messages have been sent to the Governor, who is now at the ranch of Eben Low, and an answer is expected at once which will authorize the acceptance of the proposition.

While the details of the proposal are not made public, it is understood that the Bishop estate trustees will exchange their holding for a plot of ground on the Esplanade, which will not in any way interfere with the carrying out of the further plans of the committee for the making of ample provision for the custom house and a suitable park about that site. This would indicate that the Bishop estate would take lands which front on Allen street, the leases being short time ones, which might as well be terminated by the government offering others in their place.

Commissioner Eustis is ready to leave for the mainland when the negotiations reach such a stage as to indicate that their termination will be favorable to the settlement along the lines which have been marked out as agreeable to the people. An effort was made to arrange for his departure today in the Sonoma, but he concluded to stay and see it out.

Had it been possible for him to go, it was felt there would have been a better chance for carrying out the plan of the committee and the urging of action upon a bill to provide for the erection of the buildings this session. However, he will forward a report, and carry on all the papers with him in the Korea.

While this is the status of the public building site, there is a greater unanimity on the question of the coinage matter. The banks and the committee named by Governor Dole will send through the Commissioner the same brief, in effect, that was presented to the Senate Commission during its stay here. The action will be urged as necessary for the stability of the circulating medium, and the bill which has been before Congress providing for the recoinage of the local silver will be endorsed for passage, as a solution of the matter.

The committee which was named for the purpose of considering the matter of the lighthouses will make a report which will be practically a copy of the report made up by Lieutenant Rodman of the Naval tug Iroquois, and which calls attention not only to the need for Island lights, but as well for lights on the points where the deep water vessels have to pass on their way to this city and Hilo. The committee finds that this report contains a complete summary of the needs of the Islands, and they will submit it to Commissioner Eustis with the recommendation that he urge action along these lines when he returns to the Treasury Department.

Among the matters which Mr. Eustis has taken under consideration it is said that none has greater importance to the Department than the selection of a shipping commissioner. It is understood that Mr. Eustis will recommend B. Griggs Holt.

BISHOP
GULSTAN
SINKING

Last evening Bishop Gulstan began sinking and is now very low. The mission fathers feel that the Bishop's end is near at hand. The manner in which the Bishop stood the voyage from Hilo to Honolulu filled the clergy with hope that the suffering prelate had taken a new lease of life, but the Bishop's new found strength was merely artificial, born of the joy he experienced in being once more at the Mission House where for more than a decade he has resided as the head of the diocese.

But few friends were permitted to see Bishop Gulstan yesterday and the fathers tip-toed about the house, lest a grating noise disturb their superior. He was so weak that it was difficult for him to speak, but he recognized everyone who entered the sick chamber.

COUNTY BILL
IS NOW READY

Republican Measure Has Reached the Consideration Stage Before Commission.

The Republican Commission which has in charge the framing of a city and county bill for submission to the legislature will meet before the end of the week to consider the draft of the bill which has been drawn by United States District Attorney Breckons, bearing upon the government of counties. This bill has in it many of the features of the Wyoming law, but is more generally that of the State of California, the provisions being written down so as to be applicable to the conditions here.

The consideration of the measure, in the opinion of several of the men who have been connected with its inception, will take not more than a week, after which the draft of the measure will be submitted to the people for general discussion and consideration. There are many points in the bill which have combined to make its drafting difficult, but it is expected that when the meetings of the committee are finished there will be a comprehensive measure for the consideration of the public, and in turn for the taking up by the commission of the senate, which will discuss the bill and submit it to the upper house.

There has, as yet, been nothing done in the way of drawing up the city bill, and it is understood that nothing will be done before the consideration and approval of the county measure. In the case of the approval of Mr. Breckons' draft of the county measure, then the city bill will be drawn along the same lines, and the work will not take more than two days.

The commission of the Republican party will meet either Friday or Saturday for the purpose of commencing work on the bill, and will meet daily if possible until the measure has been finished.

NO GALLOWES WORK
ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Henry Says He Will Start Work on It Though After Midnight.

"Yes, sir, chances are that Tanbara will be hanged on time on the day after Christmas. He has been sentenced to hang on that day, and we've got to carry out the sentence. We're going to have some roast pigs and other things about here on Christmas, and we don't want any gallows looming up around the prison yard on that day. It would spoil the setting for a Christmas dinner. We do not propose to have a feast at noon, and then commence work on building the scaffold, so we will have to start work on the scaffold about 1 o'clock Friday morning," said Warden Henry of the Oahu prison yesterday.

"Tanbara," he continued, "has not had as good an appetite during the past few days as he had previously, so we've had to feed him all the delicacies we can lay our hands on. He has had the best the prison affords, and of course this helped his appetite some."

THE PLANS TO
WELCOME THE
SILVERTOWN

A Special Steamer Will Carry Guests to Meet the Vessel.

Laid Line Is Now Ready to Use---Secretary Cooper Will Represent the Absent Governor.

When the Silvertown comes to Hawaii there will be a general welcome extended, and, although the officials of the cable company will not go out to officially visit the steamer before it enters port, there will be a number of the city people who will make the trip outside in a special steamer for the purpose of extending their aloha to the cable layers.

The decision of the officials of the company was reached yesterday, when they concluded that they would find their time well occupied with the shore arrangements, and so would not go out. They would not be able to be of any assistance to the ship's people as they believe that the vessel, after dropping the sea end of the cable, will at once steam into the harbor and that they will then have plenty of time to communicate with the captain and the chief engineer.

The most necessary portion of the cargo of the ship to the local office is the shipment of instruments which will be used in the working of the wires. These are the recorders and the condensers, and the delicate instruments must be handled with such care that they could not well be transferred at sea, and consequently there is a necessity for the ship to come to the dock to land them. The unpacking of these goods will take some time, and there is the utmost care needed. This is probably the reason why they were not taken from the cable ship and sent down in the Zealandia the last trip.

The arrangements for Cable Day are progressing, and the committee will be called together, if any information comes today in the Sonoma from Fanning, or in the Nebraskan from San

Francisco. The committee has prepared a tentative program which will make the day full of interest, and the members believe they will have the very fullest attendance of the people during the ceremonies.

Superintendent of Public Works Cooper will represent Governor Dole during his absence, and will therefore not only reply for the Governor to the message of President Roosevelt, but will, as well, preside at the great meeting which it is planned to hold in commemoration of the event. The most striking feature of the entire day will be the firing of a salute of 100 guns in honor of the receipt of the first message, which will be that from the President of the United States.

The landing of the shore end of the cable at the cable house at Waikiki will be one of the most largely attended of the various events surrounding the opening of telegraphic communication, and, as the lot of the cable company is very small, there will be issued for the occasion special tickets of admission, which will serve to keep the grounds from being overcrowded and the work of the men thus hampered.

The completion of the work of laying and connecting the land cable marked yesterday. The last of the splices was made about noon, and the cable house was immediately connected with the main office in the Young building by telephone. The preliminary tests were made and found to be perfectly satisfactory, and the final tests will be made today. The cable is pronounced by those who have to do with it electrically of the very best order, and there will be no trouble through its working if the use of it made by the telephone is a criterion.

THREE YOUNG BURGLARS
SPENT MONEY RECKLESSLY

Rob J. H. Forrest of \$105, Divide the Cash, Go Out for a Glorious Time, and End by Landing in a Jail Cell.

After spending two days in riotous living, three small boys, two Portuguese and one Hawaiian, were placed behind the bars last night for burglarizing the room of J. H. Forrest, a roomer at Helen's Court, on Sunday morning. The \$105 which the boys stole from a trouser's pocket of the victim were divided amongst the three young imitators of Jesse James, and what was not spent in buggy riding, luaus, crap shooting and clothes was generously presented to friends. The boys were high rollers for two days and will probably reside within prison walls for a long period. Dan Renear ran the trio down and jailed them.

Willie Silva, a youth of fourteen years, a graduate of the Reform School, told a straightforward story of the robbery last night. His companions were Tom Silva, aged sixteen, and Chas. Kellikuewa, alias "Captain Cook," aged thirteen. Willie was arrayed in new clothes from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot and gloried in a brand new drum which the officers allowed him to take to his cell. He also had a watch.

"The native boy knew Mr. Forrest,"

said Willie. "The boy says he had money and knew where he lived—in Helen's Court. You see I got no home since I leave Reform School—except sometime I go sleep at my uncle's house. So about six o'clock Sunday morning we go up to Helen's Court and the other boys tell where the room is and tell me to go inside and see if I can find some money. I go up to the door and the other boys keep watch outside. I try the door and it opened—it wasn't locked at all. I go inside but I scared, although I thought maybe he already go out. But I see him lying on bed sleeping like and snoring. I much afraid, but I see his pants on a chair and I go up quick and feel inside pocket and find a purse. I took it and go quick out the door and he no wake up. We all go way together and byemby the native boy he say let me have the purse—we divide up. He started to give out the money, but I tell him he no count money. I give him big gold dollar, almost as big as a silver dollar. I keep two gold dollars and a silver half dollar. The native boy take gold dollar and some silver and the Portuguese boy

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FATHER
LIBERT
CHOSEN

Father Libert, in charge of the Catholic mission at Wailuku is the first choice of the Catholic clergy of Hawaii for bishop to succeed the Bishop of Honolulu. The nominations were sent several weeks ago to the Propaganda at Rome. The election was held before the Bishop left for Hawaii on the trip which resulted in his illness. The ballots were counted by him, and the nominations of first, second and third choice forwarded by him to Rome. They are probably in the possession of the Vatican officials now, and the appointment may be expected at any time.

Should the Propaganda appoint Father Libert as Bishop Gulstan's successor, he will be assistant cum jure successionis—or with the right of succession during the present Bishop's life, and will succeed to the office.

Father Libert is a Belgian, of middle age, strong and healthy, and is imbued with progressive ideas.

CHRISTMAS WEEK
TRADE OPENS WELL

Large Crowds on the Street and Purchases Are Free.

Christmas week opened with a degree of interest among the people which not only presages a successful season for the merchants, but as well reflects the feeling of satisfaction in the community.

Everywhere along the downtown streets last night there were crowds not only of sight seers, but as well of buyers, and the stores were filled and the arms of the departing folk were in the same condition. There was no particular line which seemed to have the favor of the holiday buyers, but they indicated their entire independence of mind by buying everywhere and of each class of goods.

The merchants reported that they felt that this season would be far ahead of last year, in that the opening days showed a greater amount of cash in hand for purchases, and that the people seemed willing to make their purchases as well of the luxuries as of the necessities of life. In the line of fancy articles the dealers in silver and glass report that the number of sales is greater, perhaps, than last year or that preceding, but the volume will be less in that the buyers seem to prefer inexpensive gifts rather than the more elaborate articles.

The sales of toys are far above the average, and the little ones are given a greater number of specialties from which their wants may be filled. There has grown a feeling, however, among the smaller buyers that the stocks of toys are usually disposed of after Christmas at auction and some of the people are expressing an intention to wait for the sales. There is such a demand, however, that the outlook is that there will be small lines to be offered to the public, as the buyers are more active and more discriminating this year.

With quintette clubs, talking machines and other devices to attract the people, the shops of the downtown district were kept filled last evening until nearly 10 o'clock, and the purchases were of the very best class.

Polo at Hilo.

One of the things that will be considered at the meeting of the Oahu Polo Club this evening will be the proposal of the Hilo people to appropriate \$100 for the purpose of meeting the expense of a visiting polo team. The local players have their horses out at this season, but it is probable that there may be found a four willing to make the trip and give for the Hilo people an exhibition of the game during their week of festivity. The Hilo people have requested that the band be sent to them during the races, and it is understood that in the event of the Cable celebration being brought off on Saturday of the present week, there will be no trouble about the going of the band.

Officers McDuffie and Ah On effected the arrest last night of Tam Pui, a Chinese storekeeper on Iwilei road, near King street, for selling liquors without a license. The evidence in the case is two small demijohns of Sour Mash whiskey and a bottle of sam shu. Tam Pui was released on cash bail.

ASK DOLE
TO STOP
HANGING

The Japs Petition For a Stay of Execution.

INTERPRETATION
SAID TO BE WRONG

Acting Consul Sends a Message to Governor on Behalf of Tanbara Gisaburo.

Sabura Okabe, Acting Japanese Consul, yesterday made formal application to Governor Sanford B. Dole for a stay of execution in the case of Tanbara Gisaburo sentenced to hang for murder on the day after Christmas. In the petition addressed to the Governor by the Consul on behalf of 225 Japanese residents, it is said that money has been raised for an appeal to the United States Supreme Court, and that it is hoped to obtain a reversal because the conviction was obtained through "the loose, incorrect and illiterate interpretation of the testimony of the Japanese witnesses" at the trial. A wireless message was sent to Governor Dole at Kohala setting out a statement of the facts very briefly but no reply has been received as yet, and it is doubtful if the message has reached the Governor. In the meantime all arrangements for the hanging of Tanbara have been completed and unless the Governor interferes, the execution will take place Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock in Oahu Jail yard. Marshal Hendry yesterday sent out the few tickets of admission to those who will be permitted to witness the execution. Among these, besides the government officials, and newspaper representatives, there are some ten or fifteen physicians who will attend for scientific purposes only. The Japanese consul, Rev. Mr. Motokawa and a few others are also invited, the total making about sixty.

The petition to Governor Dole was handed to Secretary Cooper yesterday, with a letter stating that a message had been sent to Kohala, giving in brief the facts set out in the petition.

The letter addressed to Governor Dole was as follows:

To Governor Sanford B. Dole, Honolulu. Sir:—I hereby present a petition signed by the Japanese enclosed within, asking you for a stay of proceedings in the matter of Tanbara Gisaburo condemned to be hanged on the 26th inst. until such time as the attorney for the condemned may be able to communicate with Washington.

In behalf of Tanbara Gisaburo and of the petitioners I should feel pleased if you could give due consideration to so important and solemn a matter.

I have the honor to be Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
SABURA OKABE,
Eleve-Consul.

In charge of H. I. Japanese M's Consulate General, Honolulu.

In the petition of Japanese residents to the Consul the reason for their appeal is set out in full, and there accompanies this also two affidavits by K. Ono and C. Shiozawa setting out alleged discrepancies in the testimony of Tanbara and the interpretation by J. H. Hakule. These affidavits are the same as those filed in the United States Court during the trial of the case, in a motion to have a new interpreter appointed.

Governor Dole has not replied to the message as yet and it may be several days before communication is established with him as the message would have to be carried some distance, to Eben Low's ranch, where the Governor now is.

The following is the petition of the Japanese residents:

Honolulu, December 19th, 1902.
Sabura Okabe,
Acting Japanese Consul General at Honolulu.

Sir: We the undersigned, subjects of

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